

I have a son who is Illinois National Guard. He is currently serving in Germany as a Military Police. He will be deployed another 18 months. Thru modern technology we are able to speak with once a week over the phone. He uses phone cards to call us when he need communication and contact with his family. I am appalled to hear the FCC wants to raise the rates of phone cards. We have become a nation of gluttony for the rich and huge corportions with no regard for the little hard working people or, as I am disappointingly finding out, our soldiers who have had to drastically change their lives to fight the war on terrorism. This is HUGE increase. Why so much? Are the top executives needing to join more country clubs? or buy more SUV"S or vacation homes? PLEASE think of your fellow AMERICANS who are struggling to make ends meet, who have been laid off and are unable to find decent jobs, then PLEASE think of our troops fighting overseas and how this will impact their ability to stay in touch with the ones they left at home. For your info, the average soldier, espically National Guard do not earn that much, this will be an hardship for them. PLEASE< PLEASE reconsider this increase. Margaret Andler-Bokum